वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री वी. वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) से (घ) केवल सरकारी खाते में विदेशी ऋणों पर दिये जाने वाले ब्याज की राशि वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान 3578 करोड़ रुपए, वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान 3749 करोड़ रुपए, वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान 4125 करोड़ रुपए (अनंतिम) और वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान 4325 करोड़ रुपए (अनुमानित) थी।

(ङ) सरकारी खाते में विदेशी ऋणों पर दिये गये ब्याज का पुनरीक्षित वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान क्रमशः कुल वार्षिक व्यय का 2.9 प्रतिशत, 2.6 प्रतिशत और 2.5 प्रतिशत था।

*later*** on LNH and Advances

5302. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: WIS the Minister of FINANCE (w ~~p~~hase~~d~~ to state:

a) whether it is a last that Government, RBI, pubfec sector and private sector banks and ftuacfetl institutions nave raised interests on toe*?, advances and also on deposits;

(b) whether Government would consider raising the interest of National Savings Scheme and Notional Saving Certificate and to other savings schemes in order to contain inflation and to encourage savings; end

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. HANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have raked the maximum term deposit rate from 'not exceeding 11.0% per amem' to *not exceeding 12.0% per annum' effective from April 18, 1995. As a result of the hike in the maximum term deposit rates assay beaks rawed the interest on terms deposits of certain nmtn~~rttin~~. To protect the spread between the higher cost of Stands meriting from toe hike in am ~~jj~~poi~~jt~~ rales and earatngi oa their

prime hmauag rase by 0.5 pawuntagi point *L*. to 153% ~~ambuwag~~ mtuiost tax.

(b) and (e) There is no proposal at present to rake the rates of internal of National Savings Scheme. NeHenal Savings Certificate and other Smafl Savings Scheme.

Committee en National Social Assistance Scheme and Croup He h~~wams~~ Sebome

5303. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: WiB the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wkethcr Government have constituted a ftunmsttoo to opsisljunallsii £* National Social Amktanii Scheme and the Group life laotuaace Scheme to cover the poor sad needy beneficiaries from households, below the poverty line, three fourths of whom an likely to be woma~~n~~ as reported in a news-kern published in the Hindustan Times dated 21st April, 1993;

(b) if so, what arc the terms/ composition thereof indicating components and total number of people likely to be covered and by what time fun details proposed to be worked out by the Committee; and

(c) what k the Mkery expenditure involved during the current financial year and total provisions made in 199546 Budget indicating abocation, if any. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *W* THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sk. A Committee has been constituted oa die 12th April, 1995 to operationahse the announcement made by the Finance Minister with regard to National Social Assistance Scheme and Group Late Insurance Scheme in rural areas. The composition of the Committee and ka terms of reference am given in statement enclosed. (See below) The Cries mitlta has been requested to submit ks report within a period of 3 Booths from the date of ks constitution. The number of people likely to be covered and likely expenditure under the scheme